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From the Imperial Quarters at Ostiglia, *June* 11. *N.S.*

THE *French* Army under the Command of the Duke of *Vendosme* being advanced into the Neighbourhood of this Place, began the 8th Instant to form two Attacks against it, which were covered by several Intrenchments within Musket-shot of our Works, and raised two Batteries, one of 8 Pieces of Cannon, and the other of 4, which began to play the 9th, but did us no great Damage. That day we received Advice from the Commander of our Troops posted at *Carbonara*, That a strong Detachment of the *French* Horse was marching with the Bagage of their Army along the Banks of the *Po* towards *Castelnovo*, whereby it was judged that the Enemy finding this Post too well fortified to be easily gained, intended to retire from before it, as indeed they did the night following, having abandoned their Intrenchments. The 10th, by break of day, Lieutenant-Colonel *Patee* was sent out with 150 Horse to get Intelligence, by whom it was confirmed, that the Duke of *Vendosme* had given over his Design of attacking this Place, as being too hazardous, and that he was continuing his March in order to join the Sieur *Albergotti*, who, with a Body of 7 or 8000 Men, was at the same time marching near this Place towards *Quarantola*, where the Count *d'Ahlefeldt* was posted with 3 Battalions of Foot and two Regiments of Horse; hereupon it was resolved to attack him, before he could receive Advice of the Duke of *Vendosme*'s Motions, and immediately 1200 Horse and 11 Battalions of Foot were detached from the Body of our Troops which is encamped along the River *Secchia*, and as many from hence, were ordered to join them with all Diligence and Secrecy; They began their March that night, and came this morning by break of day near *Mirandola*, where having refreshed themselves, they advanced through certain By-ways towards the Enemy, near a Village called *Ponte-Pelegrino*, fell upon them unawares, and totally routed them: The Enemy had about half an hour before sent away under a Guard of 1000 Men their Cannon and Bagage, which else must have fallen into our hands. We have not yet a particular Account of their Loss, only we are assured that a Colonel and several more of their Officers are wounded, and we have taken many Prisoners. On our side 5 Lieutenants and 30 private Soldiers are wounded, and 8 or 10 killed. Lieutenant-Colonel *Patee* follows the Enemy with a Party of Horse, to observe which way they march. This good Success has disappointed the *French* Designs, who for several Months have been contriving to render themselves Masters of the *Po*, and cut off all Communication with *Germany*.

Venice, June 15. We have received from several Places the News of the Duke of *Vendosme*'s being retired from before *Ostiglia*, which is said to have been occasioned by the *Germans* cutting the Dyke of the *Po* on that side, and overflowing the Ground where the *French* Army lay, which was thereby obliged to decamp with such Precipitation, that they left two Pieces of Cannon behind them, and had several Men drowned; And some Advices add, that they have lost 1500 Men before that Place. The Duke of *Vendosme*'s Army lies now between *Zelo* and *Figuarolo*. A Body of *French* Forces is posted at *Sanguinetto*, to straighten the *German* Garison at *Pontemolino*. An Express is come to the Senate with Advice, That on the 11th Instant there was an Engagement between a strong Detachment of the Imperial Forces, and a Body of *French* Troops under the Command of the Sieur *Albergotti*, wherein it is said that the latter have lost their General, and 2000 Men. General *Vaubonne* being joined by part of the Recruits from *Germany*, has got together a Body of 6000 Men, with whom he has made several successful Excursions in the Dutchy of *Mantua*; but hearing that the number of the *French* at *Sanguinetto* was considerably encreased, and fearing they might have a Design upon *Rivoli*, a Post of great use to the Imperial Army in keeping open their Communication with *Germany*, he is returned thither, for the better Security of that Place.

Vienna, June 16. Orders are sent for the making of new Levies in the *Upper Austria*, which it is said will amount to 20000 Men. The Emperor has also resolved to recruit the two Regiments which returned hither about 3 years ago from *Catalonia*, where they had been employed in the late King of *Spain*'s Service, and to make them up 2500 Men; and Commissions will shortly be delivered out for raising Men for that purpose. The Marquis *Davia*, who has been here some time, has lately left this Place, in order to repair to his Command in the Imperial Army in *Italy*.

Francfort, June 22. The Duke of *Burgundy*'s Army is still encamped at *Langenkandel*, but in all appearance they have no Thoughts of besieging *Landau*. About 400 *French* and 300 *Bavarian* Officers and Soldiers, who have been taken Prisoners in several Occasions, were brought hither this week, and about 150 of the latter are entred into the Service of the Allies. Our last Accounts from *Franconia* say, the Forces under the Margrave of *Bareith* have obliged the *Bavarian* Troops to retire out of the *Upper Palatinate*, and have again blocked up the Castle of *Rothemberg*, and put us in great expectation of a Battel between Prince *Lewis* and the Marshal *de Villars*; tho' some Letters say, the latter, to avoid it, is retired towards the Lake of *Constance*, which wants Confirmation.

Hamburgh, June 26. Letters from *Prussia* give an Account, That on the 13th Instant a Detachment of 3 or 400 *Swedes* possessed themselves of *Graudentz*, and obliged the Burghers to pay them a good Sum of Money by way of Contribution, and to furnish them with Provitions; and some Advices say, they have done the same at another Place called *Snasbourg*. They write from *Warsaw* of the 13th, that the Forces of the Crown having defeated some *Swedish* Regiments near *Grudzenick*, the King of *Sweden* was marching that way in order to attack them. The King of *Poland* was at *Lublin*, where the General Diet was shortly to meet.

From the Camp at Borchloen, *June* 28. The necessary Dispositions being made on Tuesday last in order to the Army's decamping from *Haneff*, 20 Squadrons of Horse, with 1000 Dragoons, and a Brigade of Foot, began the March about 11 at night towards the Castle of *Orl*, on the *Jaar*, having with them the Pontons, in order to lay Bridges over that River: The rest of the Army followed about two hours after, and found the several Bridges ready, over which they immediately passed, and continuing their March about a League further, encamped with the Right at *Opheer*, and the Left at *Linn*, his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough* having his Quarters at *Opheer*, where the Marshal *de Villeroy* lay when we were encamped at *Thys*. We had notice upon our March of a Party of *French* that lay in a small Village near the Line; whereupon the Prince of *Hesse*, with 3 Squadrons of Dragoons marched thither, and having surrounded the Place, took the Party, which was found to consist only of 25 Foot, who were lurking there to steal Horses. The Enemy, upon the first News of our March, whereof they had not the least Notice till after we had passed the River, immediately decamped likewise; They were upon the March forwards and backwards till the evening, and lay under their Arms all night. This morning we marched from *Opheer*, and encamped in this Place, to which the Right of our Line extends, as the Left does to *Bodoe*. The Enemy have likewise continued their March towards *Leuwe*, and are encamped between that Place and *Landen*; and 'tis said they have sent their heavy Bagage into their Lines.

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